



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TJR  
Docket No: 2676-99  
8 February 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 19 January 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 20 March 1980 and served without disciplinary infractions.

Your record reflects that on 2 February 1982 you sought psychiatric assistance because you had a chronic drinking problem and thoughts of self-destruction. Following the psychiatric examination, you were diagnosed with a depressive reaction and a personality disorder. It was at this time that you were recommended for an administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. The evaluation noted your failure to complete a program of alcoholic rehabilitation, inability to handle stress, and difficulty in maintaining personal relations. You waived your rights to consult with legal counsel or to submit a statement in rebuttal to the separation. Subsequently, your commanding officer recommended you be issued an honorable

discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. In May 1982 the discharge authority approved the foregoing recommendation and directed your commanding officer to issue you an honorable discharge. On 24 May 1982 you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and your contention that you would like your reenlistment code changed now that you have overcome your personal problems, no longer consume alcoholic beverages, and would like to reenlist. The Board also considered your good post service conduct, character reference letters, military and civilian evaluations, educational transcript, and driver's record. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change of your reenlistment code given the diagnosed depressive reaction personality disorder. Given the problems documented in the physician's evaluation, especially, your self-destructive thoughts and inability to handle stress. Given all the circumstances of your case, the Board concluded your reenlistment code was proper as issued and no change is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director